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SUBJECT: NEW BELGIAN 1091 PROPOSAL

REF: A) PARIS 8008, B) PARIS 8421, C) PARIS 2145

1. AT MARCH 21 DISCUSSION OF THE NEW BELGIAN 1091
PROPOSAL, USDEL SHOULD DRAW ON THE FOLLOWING:

A) THE USG IS ACTIVELY STUDYING THE BELGIAN PROPOSAL;

B) WE RECALL THAT DURING THE JANUARY 17-19 DISCUSSION ON
1091/1500 NI, THE USDEL QUESTIONED WHETHER WE COULD BE
RESPONSIVE PRIOR TO THE OPENING OF THE LIST REVIEW (SEE
REF (C), ESPECIALLY PARA 2). THIS DOES NOT RPT NOT MEAN
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THAT WE WILL ONLY RESPOND TO THE BELGIAN PROPOSAL IN THE
LIST REVIEW CONTEXT;

C) WITH RESPECT TO THE NEED FOR AN INTERIM CHANGE IN THE
1091 DEFINITION, THE USG WOULD BE WILLING TO REVIEW ON
AN ACCELERATED BASIS ANY EXCEPTION CASES WHICH MIGHT
FALL WITHIN THE CUT-OFFS PROPOSED BY THE BELGIAN DELEGATION.

USDEL SHOULD REMIND PCS OF OUR RECENT APPROVAL OF THE
ELEPHANT MACHINE TOOL CASES PRESENTED BY ITALY AND BELGIUM;

D) THE USG WISHES CLARIFICATION THAT THE PRESENT BELGIAN
PROPOSAL DOES NOT RPT NOT:

-- CONTEMPLATE A CHANGE IN THE NUMBER OF SIMULTANEOUSLY-
CONTROLLED CONTOURING AXES PERMITTED UNDER THE EXISTING
DEFINITION. THIS MATTER IS STILL UNDER STUDY BY THE USG
AND WE WILL NOT BE ABLE TO ADDRESS THIS ISSUE IN ADVANCE
OF THE LIST REVIEW; AND

-- PROPOSE TO ELIMINATE THE PRESENT DISTINCTION BETWEEN
"HARD-WIRED" AND "SOFT-WIRED" NUMERICAL CONTROLLERS. WE
BELIEVE THAT ADDRESSING THIS ISSUE IS PREMATURE BEFORE
THE APRIL 25 DISCUSSIONS ON EMBEDDED MICROPROCESSORS AND
COMPUTERS.

2. FYI. WHILE REMAINING UNDER STUDY, IT IS TOO EARLY TO
SAY WHETHER WE WILL BE ABLE TO RESPOND POSITIVELY TO
THE BELGIAN PROPOSAL. OF COURSE, RATHER THAN REJECT THE
BELGIAN PROPOSAL OUT-OF-HAND, WE WOULD PROBABLY SEEK TO
POSTPONE CONSIDERATION UNTIL THE LIST REVIEW. VANCE

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